

IN THE CLAIMS

21. (Original) A computer-implemented method comprising:

generating a personality file for a target workstation, the personality file describing installation parameters for an application software package and the target workstation;

generating an application installation package for the application software package on a source workstation using a pre-installation system snapshot of software on the source workstation and a post-installation system snapshot of the software on the source workstation; and

the target workstation receiving the application installation package and installing the application software package based on the application installation package and the personality file.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21 further comprising:

creating the pre-installation system snapshot of the software on the source workstation;

installing the application software package on the source workstation;

creating the post-installation system snapshot of the software on the source workstation; and

comparing the pre-installation system snapshot with the post-installation system snapshot.

23. (Original) The method of claim 21 further comprising:

scheduling installation of the application software package; and

transmitting the application installation package to the target workstation.

24. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the application installation package comprises a plurality of instructions for installing the application software package on the target workstation.

25. (Original) The method of claim 21 further comprising deinstalling the application software from the source workstation.

26. (Original) A system comprising:

a source workstation to generate a personality file for a target workstation, the personality file describing installation parameters for an application software package and the target workstation, and to generate an application installation package for the application software package on a source workstation using a pre-installation system snapshot of software on the source workstation and a post-installation system snapshot of the software on the source workstation; and

the target workstation to receive the application installation package and to install the application software package based on the application installation package and the personality file.

27. (Original) The system of claim 26 wherein the source workstation is to create the pre-installation system snapshot of the software on the source workstation, to install the application software package on the source workstation, to create the post-installation system snapshot of the software on the source workstation, and to compare the pre-installation system snapshot with the post-installation system snapshot.

28. (Original) The system of claim 26 wherein the source workstation is to schedule installation of the application software package, and to transmit the application installation package to the target workstation.

29. (Original) The system of claim 26 wherein the application installation package comprises a plurality of instructions for installing the application software package on the target workstation.

30. (Original) The system of claim 26 wherein the target workstation is to deinstall the application software from the source workstation.

31. (Original) A computer readable medium that provides instructions, which when executed on a processor, cause said processor to perform operations comprising:

generating a personality file for a target workstation, the personality file describing installation parameters for an application software package and the target workstation;

generating an application installation package for the application software package on a source workstation using a pre-installation system snapshot of software on the source workstation and a post-installation system snapshot of the software on the source workstation; and

the target workstation receiving the application installation package and installing the application software package based on the application installation package and the personality file.

32. (Currently Amended) A method for installing software on a target workstation, the method comprising:

~~generating a personality file for the target workstation, the personality file describing installation parameters for the software and the target workstation;~~

generating an installation package for the software using a pre-installation snapshot of the state of a source workstation system and a post-installation snapshot of the state of the source workstation system, ~~the installation package including information concerning an operating system of the target workstation;~~ and

remotely installing the software on the target workstation based on the installation package and ~~the~~ a personality files file generated for the target workstation, the personality file describing installation parameters for the software and the target workstation.

33. (Original) The method of claim 32 wherein the information concerning the operating system of the target workstation comprises copies of system files and copies of execution files.

34. (Original) The method of claim 33 wherein the installation package includes a plurality of instructions for installing the software, the plurality of instructions including instructions pertaining to the system files.

35. (Original) The method of claim 32 further comprising modifying system files in the target workstation according to instructions included in the installation package.

36. (Original) A system for installing software, the system comprising:

a personality file to describe installation parameters for the software and a target workstation; and

a source workstation to generate an installation package for the software using a pre-installation snapshot of the state of a source workstation system and a post-installation snapshot of the state of the source workstation system, the installation package including information concerning an operating system of the target workstation, and to remotely install the software on the target workstation based on the installation package and the personality files.

37. (Original) The system of claim 36 wherein the information concerning the operating system of the target workstation comprises copies of system files and copies of execution files.

38. (Original) The system of claim 37 wherein the installation package includes a plurality of instructions for installing the software, the plurality of instructions including instructions pertaining to the system files.

39. (Original) The system of claim 36 wherein the source workstation is to remotely modify system files in the target workstation according to instructions included in the installation package.

40. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium that provides instructions, which when executed on a processor, cause said processor to perform operations comprising:

~~generating a personality file for a target workstation, the personality file describing installation parameters for software and the target workstation;~~

generating an installation package for the software using a pre-installation snapshot of the state of a source workstation system and a post-installation snapshot of the state of the source workstation system, ~~the installation package including information concerning an operating system of the target workstation;~~ and

remotely installing the software on the target workstation based on the installation package and ~~the~~ a personality files file generated for the target workstation, the personality file describing installation parameters for the software and the target workstation.